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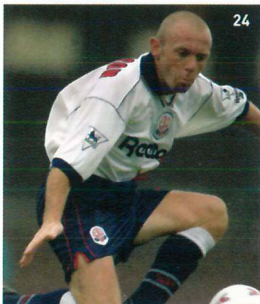
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DOUGIE FREEDMAN

Good evening and welcome back to the Reebok Stadium for tonight's game against Leicester City.

I'd first like to start by welcoming Nigel Pearson, his side and everyone associated with Leicester, as well as our match sponsors Carrs Pasties.

Nigel has been a tremendous help to me in my career and I would like to put my thanks on record. I'll of course wish him all the best for the remainder of the season after tonight's game.

Looking back on Saturday, I thought the response from the players was first class. Football is not an easy game. It's all about how you respond from setbacks and the character and desire that you show.

I set my training up trying to work our players in certain ways. I believe that paid off. We won the ball back, reacted to going a goal down in the right way and achieved the right result.

Under my influence the players will always be 100 percent committed. I expect them to put in 100 percent effort and if they are not I will certainly be looking to make changes.

What we need is for you, our supporters, to be behind us for the full 90 minutes. We play in a huge stadium and we've got tremendous support. I believe that you can help us make the difference.

I must admit, I was surprised at the reaction of a small section of our fans at half time on Saturday. We've got to remember that in this division you are never always going to be winning after the first 45 minutes – the game lasts for 90 minutes. We need you with us from the first till the last whistle. If we can start that way this evening then I am sure that you will see the difference it can make.

We brought Lennie Lawrence on board last week and there's no doubt that he will be a fantastic signing for the club. He's a man with great experience and has managed over 1,000 games. He's been there and done it.

He now also heads up the pro license at the Welsh FA, so his coaching knowledge is fantastic and his pedigree will certainly be of a huge benefit moving forward.

One of the reasons I came here was not only because of the fantastic squad, but because of the supporting structure around the whole club. We have first class facilities and support staff here. For a modern-day manager like myself, who is interested in the fitness, the football analysis and the psychology side of things – I'm really looking forward to using that.

Looking ahead, the Championship is a very hectic and frantic league. I will let you know right now that I am prepared to change a winning team. The games come thick and fast, with tonight's the second of three in a week. That means that I will be fully utilising the squad. All of my backroom staff will play a part in identifying when players are on their game and ready to play and when they are not.

The modern-day game dictates that we have to take advantage of everything we have at the club, both on and off the field. I will be changing team line-ups, tactics and formations as each game goes by. Sometimes it will work and sometimes it won't, but I am prepared to make changes in selection throughout the season.

We work from Monday to Friday, looking to get every advantage we can. There's no substitute for preparation. I want my players to have the freedom to express themselves whilst I also believe that if you can combine both information about the opposition and about the certain roles in which I want our players to play, we will have a good formula. It's a philosophy of how we aim to go about our jobs.

Thanks for coming tonight.

Enjoy the game,







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CAPTAIN'S NOTES

We gave the new gaffer and his staff the perfect start on Saturday evening and I believe we fully deserved the three points earned against Cardiff City. I said in my notes before the game that everyone had been working hard and buying into the new methods and style of play, and we got our rewards for doing that.

The first half was pretty even and I didn't feel that we deserved to go behind. We didn't do too much going forward but at the same time we limited them to very little. Cardiff got the one break and found themselves leading at half-time as a consequence.

But in the dressing room at the interval, Lennie said to us that these things happen – when you are top of the league goals like that go in your favour and when you are lower down the league they don't. The gaffer told us to keep calm but sharpen the passing, and I think that was obvious in the way we played in the second half.

There were probably a few nerves amongst the players, but once we got on the front foot and scored the equaliser from the penalty spot, I could only see one team going on to win the game. At the end it was fantastic to see the lads defend like they did, throwing their bodies in front of the ball to ensure that we won the game.

Cardiff deserve to be top of the league with the way they have played so far this season, so we have to take confidence from playing well and beating the team that is currently leading the way in the Championship. We have shown what we can do and hopefully now it will give us that extra bit of belief.

I know we have been in this position before, where we have got a good result and then not followed it up, but everything is in place to kick-on now and climb the table. We are still 17th in the league but a win tonight would most likely put us right amongst the chasing pack in the top half of the table. It's been an encouraging start for the gaffer but it's important we follow it up now.

We can't underestimate Leicester, however. They have had a couple of bad results against Crystal Palace and Watford but they, like Cardiff, are right up there at the summit of the table. However, if we use all the positive energy and momentum gained from the weekend, then there is no reason why we can't produce another win, heading into a difficult game at Blackpool at the weekend.

We knew how tough this run of games would be – November brings with it six difficult matches – but I believe that we have done all the right preparation ahead of tonight. The lads have been doing recovery sessions over the last couple of days and we have spent time in training working on the shape in which the gaffer wants us to play. Everyone is understanding their role in the team.

We know we have not had the best start to the season but everything is looking in place now for us to start moving in the right direction.

Enjoy the game,



HOLDEN'S WAIT IS ALMOST OVER

ALL-ACTION MIDFIELDER IN GREAT SPIRITS AS HE STEPS UP HIS REHAB WORK BACK IN BOLTON

The finishing line is in sight. Stuart Holden is not sure exactly how far away it is, but he can certainly see it approaching in the distance.

It's been the marathon of all marathons, one which has taken nearly 17 months to complete. But Bolton's American all-star is in a 'good place' and ready to make up for lost time.

"It feels great to be back and just amongst the lads again," Holden beams, as he always does.

It's rare to find Holden not sporting his trademark smile. Throughout his long road to recovery, he has always seemed upbeat, even in the most trying of circumstances.

The 25-year-old returned to England a fortnight ago after spending several months across the Atlantic where he has been able to focus solely on his knee rehabilitation.



And although he will not be drawn into putting an exact date or target on when he will pull on the white shirt again, he senses that the wait is almost over.

He explained: "It was good that I was working alone in isolation in the US as it has really allowed me focus and work for six hours a day and not have the temptation of wanting to join in with the boys.

"But now I am back here I am really concentrating on my end level stuff, really just fine tuning things. Hopefully I will be back in training with the rest of the squad sooner rather than later.

"At the moment I have been doing work on the grass - shooting, crossing, striking the ball and running - so I have been doing everything that they are doing in the games but just not at the same intensity yet.

"It is important that I build up to that. It is still going to take a bit of time as if I get into high tempo stuff before my knee is ready then I will just be causing more delays in my comeback.

"I am just focused at getting back on the pitch, whenever the timing is right for me and my little old knee here!"

A lot of water has passed under the bridge since Saturday 19 March, 2011 - the day when Holden initially injured his knee at Old Trafford.

After six months out of the game, he returned at Villa Park in September of last season, but it proved to be his only appearance as follow-up surgery was required.

"Back in September after the Villa game I had the operation and since then I have been back and forth from the US, just really focusing on rehabbing which consisted mainly of building my muscle back," Holden revealed.

"I have had a great plan out there working with Elite Personal Trainer James Hashimoto. He is also a close friend of mine and he has really helped me get through some tough times.

"I have been through some ups and down throughout this last year, but I can happily say that I am in a great place now and I am really close to the finish line.

"I can definitely say this has been the hardest thing I have done in my life. It has really tested me, but now I have come out the other side raring to go.

"It is nice to just be part of the team again now, laughing, joking and working with the lads and the club's medical team, who have been very good to me.

"Whilst I was over in the States, Andy Mitchell, the physio, came to visit me in Delaware to check on my progress.

"I have got to know the new guys who joined in the summer and they seem to be great additions to the squad, both on and off the pitch. I am excited about what we have here and I can't wait to be part of it again.

"The side have obviously been through some tough times, but we have now got a new manager and he is looking to bring some new life into the club. He has a very good track record and we are very lucky to have him at Bolton Wanderers.

"We are playing with a bit of confidence and I think you will now see us bounce up the table. I know that we have got a really talented squad and a great group of guys who have the capabilities of getting promoted this season."

Holden also reserved a message for the supporters, those who voted for him to be crowned the club's Player of the Year in 2010/11.

"I want to thank the fans for their messages," he added. "Everyone asks me when I will be back and I am sorry that I don't have a definitive answer.

"I just want to convey to them that I am working hard and I am doing everything I can to get back out there and playing at the Reebok."

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MARCOS RAISING MONEY FOR CANCER CHARITIES

Marcos Alonso is backing the campaign to fight cancer this month by taking part in November alongside Olympic athlete Steve Lewis and GB basketballer Jamell Anderson.

Steve Lewis is the current British record holder for the men's pole vault and had the highest ever finish by a GB athlete for his event after being placed fifth at London 2012 this summer. Jamell Anderson is an up and coming basketball star who plays for BBL side Leicester Riders and Great Britain Under-23s.

All three athletes are growing moustaches for the month of November to raise vital funds and awareness for men's health, specifically prostate cancer and testicular cancer.

"Cancer is a disease that has affected the families of everyone in our group," said Marcos. "We want to do our bit to raise awareness and to help raise money for the cancer charities."

You can keep up to date on Marcos growing facial hair at his website marcos-alonso.com and if you would like to sponsor Marcos, you can online by visiting <http://mobro.co/marcosalonso>



WANDERERS QUARTET CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN WITH JUNIOR WHITES

Wanderers quartet David Wheeler, Tim Ream, Rob Lainton and Josh Vela were the surprise guests of honour at the annual Junior Whites Halloween Party in the Premier Suite last week as they joined their young supporters for a night of ghoulish fun and scary games.

Over 250 Junior Whites members got into the Halloween spirit and donned a variety of freakish costumes including witches, cats, pumpkins, skeletons and Frankenstein as they celebrated the scariest date in the calendar with four of their favourite players.

The players began their night with the customary question and answer session where they were quizzed on 'who is the best dressed at the club?', 'who has the worst sense of humour?' and 'who is your best friend in the dressing room?'.

The evening's entertainment then moved onto Halloween-themed games where the players were split into two teams and it was Rob and Josh versus David and Tim. Armed with rolls of toilet paper, the two teams showcased their mummy dressing skills on unsuspecting parents.

David, Tim, Rob and Josh rounded off their evening with the Junior Whites by signing autographs and posing for photographs for their young fans.

For more information on Junior Whites and upcoming events visit www.juniorwhites.co.uk



FACE IN THE CROWD

'Face In The Crowd' continues this week – and if you are the person circled in this photograph, you have won a limited edition third shirt which is now available to buy. To claim your prize, simply email media@bwfc.co.uk



BWFCISS GRAND SKILLS FINAL



Over the course of the last five days, Bolton Wanderers International Soccer School has played host to its annual showpiece occasion – the Grand Skills Final.

Now in its fifth year, the event sees players from all over the world convene in Bolton for a football frenzy.

Footballers who have been coached at camps that the BWFCISS have held in various parts of the globe are invited over to the North-West of England, meaning that the club have welcomed people from countries like Colombia, India, South Africa, Antigua, Nigeria and Australia over the last weekend.

The event is invite only and these players competed against

each other for a chance to trial for one or two weeks in the International Academy Studies Programme.

Dave Bailey, manager of the BWFCISS said: "The event is now well-known all over the world and is the biggest of its kind.

"We have had close to 500 players over the five years. Some have gone on to play professional football and represent their respective country at youth level, so the pedigree of player is there to see.

"My team of coaches do a great job of scouting these players and, who knows, one day we may well unearth one to play in the famous white shirt of Bolton Wanderers."

'TULL' ON AT THE BOLTON OCTAGON THEATRE

The Octagon Theatre presents the world premiere of Tull, the remarkable tale of real life World War One hero Walter Tull – a talented officer on the battlefield and the first black outfield player in the First Division in Great Britain.

Like the Octagon's last great football play, *And Did Those Feet*, Tull is inspirational, dramatic and moving - proving that through perseverance and a sense of community, divisions can be overcome.

Tull's exceptional talent as a footballer led to him being signed by Tottenham Hotspur in 1909. His achievements on the pitch, both as a sportsman and a gentleman, soon became recognised in the national press.

One journalist, reporting on a match against Bristol City, stated: "Tull is so clean in mind and method as to be a model for all white men who play football whether they be amateur or professional."

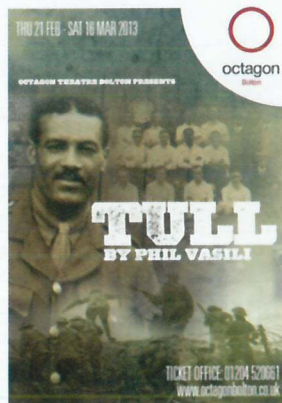
When the Great War broke out in 1914, Tull signed up and soon demonstrated a natural flair to lead and inspire. Despite military regulations forbidding 'any person of colour' becoming an infantry officer, Tull's heroism in battle was rewarded in May 1917.

Overcoming racial prejudice and military rules, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and became the first black infantry officer in the British Army.

Phil Vasili, author of the biography 'Walter Tull, 1888-1918: Officer, Footballer' has worked with David Thacker to develop the play following years of research into the life of Walter Tull.

With a campaign to decorate Tull posthumously for his war efforts reaching parliament, Walter Tull's story has never been more important.

Tull is at the Octagon from Thursday 21 February – Saturday 16 March 2013. For more information go to www.octagonbolton.co.uk or call the Ticket Office on 01204 520661.



PUTTING THE SPARK IN WANDERERS' MIDFIELD

MARK DAVIES NORMALLY PREFERS TO LET HIS FOOTBALL DO THE TALKING BUT TONIGHT HE SPEAKS TO THE OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME ABOUT HOW THIS EVENING'S OPPONENTS HELPED TO GET HIS CAREER BACK ON TRACK.

WORDS: ROB URBANI

Mark Davies owes a debt of gratitude to Nigel Pearson – but the midfielder, if given the nod to play against his former club, will be going all out to ensure that the Leicester manager's trip to the Reebok Stadium this evening proves to be one to forget.

Davies helped Dougie Freedman's reign at Bolton get off to the perfect start just three days ago, collecting the man of the match bottle of champagne for his starring role in the 2-1 win over Cardiff City.

It was a purposeful second-half display by one of the most creative and industrious players in the Championship.

But back in 2008, a big question mark hung over Davies' footballing future. He had spent a year-and-a-half on the sidelines with a knee injury and a promising career had come to a shuddering halt.

After breaking into his hometown team Wolverhampton Wanderers at the age of 17, Davies was being tipped for big things up until suffering his prolonged injury problem.

But the influence of Pearson, who was enjoying success in his first spell in command with the Foxes, helped the midfielder regain his confidence during a loan stint with Leicester in November 2008.

Davies played games, scored goals and ultimately got his career heading back in the right direction whilst in the East Midlands.

Now, four years on and 121 Bolton appearances down the line, Davies looks back on the time he describes as the 'toughest' in career to date.

"I was out for 16 months – it was a horrible time," he recalls when sitting down for a rare interview at the club's Euxton training ground.

"I damaged my medial ligaments and meniscus in my knee and I found myself having three operations. One setback seemed to turn into another.

"I knew that there was something wrong but the Wolves medical staff kept telling me that everything was fine. It was hard to take, especially because I was only 17 years old at the time.

"I was being told that I wasn't mentally strong enough but in training I would be sent out to do some running knowing my knee was hurting. You know when something isn't right. ►







MARK DAVIES



"I ended up going to see a specialist on my own accord and that got me back on the right road. When I finally got myself back fit, Nigel Pearson phoned up and asked if I'd like to go on loan to Leicester. I went there for a couple of months and I did alright.

"Leicester were in League One at the time and I was there from November through to January. I managed to get a run of games together, something which I hadn't done for a couple of years.

"The manager was good to me though because he understood that I had just come back from a serious injury. He put me on a special training programme whereby I would only train on Thursday and Friday, and that allowed me to build up my fitness slowly but surely without doing too much too soon.

"I'd worked with him in the England youth teams too at Under-16s and Under-17s level. I guess he believed in me, so that is always going to give you confidence when you go out and play."

Davies' loan spell at Leicester almost became permanent. The midfielder, now back fit, was tearing up League One, playing his part in a Foxes side that more or less occupied top spot for the entire 2008/09 season.

After completing two one-month temporary spells at the then Walkers Stadium, a bid was lodged by the Leicester board – but Davies' impressive performances had inevitably caught the eye of various other clubs, one of which was Bolton Wanderers.

The lure of Premier League football ultimately helped Davies to make up his mind, although it wasn't an easier decision as some might think.

"I'd have quite happily gone back to Leicester, even though it meant that I would have been dropping down a division from the Championship," explained Davies.

"I like to think to a certain degree that I did my bit during that season, even though I was only there for a short time. It was an enjoyable time and I have good memories.

"The fans were really good to me. There are still few players still at Leicester from that time too – Lloyd Dyer and Andy King. They are good lads and I still speak to them both now.

"I'll always be grateful to Leicester because they helped to get my career back on track. I started enjoying my football again whilst I was there."

Four years on, Davies has matured and developed into a classy central midfielder.

Providing energy, drive and creativity in the middle of the park, he has fulfilled the potential he displayed in his teenage years when representing England at three different junior levels.

Davies is now approaching his four-year anniversary at Bolton, but it's only in the last 18 months that he has started to – pardon the pun – make his mark in the team on a consistent basis.

Davies' early days with Bolton saw him intermittently feature in the starting line-up and he was deployed mainly as a substitute – 41 times the Wolverhampton-born has been introduced into a Wanderers fixture from the bench.

Davies has also started to add goals to his game on a more regular basis. His first 80 appearances for Wanderers reaped just three, but he has found the net five times in his last 41 matches at an average of one strike every eight games.

What's more, whenever Davies registers, it is more often than not a big goal at a big moment in a big game.

"I just can't seem to score with my right foot though," adds the quietly spoken Midlander.

"The only one that I can remember that I scored with my right foot was that tap-in against Blackpool a couple of seasons ago. I think that won the club's goal of the year.



"I've been happy with my two goals this season, but they were both with my left foot again. I think the Sheffield Wednesday goal was a better finish but the one at Wolves obviously meant that little bit more.

"Maybe I'm scoring more goals because I'm feeling much more comfortable in the team. We have some good central midfielders at the club – Keith, Jay, Prats and Josh, plus Stuart when he is back fit – and I know what my role is in the side.

"I've been told by the gaffer to keep the ball moving and get forward whenever I get the chance."

It was widely speculated during the summer months that Davies would be about to depart the club, with Swansea reported as a potential destination.

"I didn't want to leave," Davies stressed. "I want to help the club get back to the Premier League and I enjoy it here."

If Wanderers can repeat Saturday's second-half heroics and Davies can continue his influential form under Dougie Freedman, he might just get his wish come May of next year.



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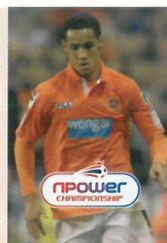


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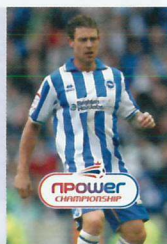
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TRAVEL INFORMATION

The next two away matches sees the Official Travel Club embark on coastal adventures.

First up is a trip to the Fylde coast the match against Blackpool on Saturday afternoon (10 November), with kick-off at Bloomfield Road being 3pm.

Travel is priced at £10 per person and coaches will be leaving the Reebok Stadium at 12.30pm, meaning that there will hopefully be time for fans to grab a coastal treat of fish and chips or doughnuts before entering the ground.

After this there is the long journey down to the south coast the fixture against Brighton & Hove Albion on Saturday 24 November. The coaches will be leaving the Reebok at 7.30am and the cost is £25 per person.

To book places on the Travel Club please contact Bolton Central on 0844 871 2932. Please note there is strictly no smoking/no alcohol policy on all official coaches. Children under the age of 17 must travel with a responsible adult. Each adult may only be responsible for three under-17s.

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Brighton & Hove Albion made an excellent start to the new campaign winning five games on the bounce, but have since struggled to keep up the pace in an increasingly competitive Championship season.

Manager Gus Poyet took charge of the then League One side in 2009 and guided them to the title in his first full season in charge, which was also his first year in football management, but he couldn't repeat the feat last season as the Seagulls' return to the Championship ended in a mid-table finish.

Poyet has continued to put his stamp on the side this summer with the signings of Bruno, Andrew Crofts, Andrea Orlandi,

Stephen Dobbie, David Lopez and former Manchester United keeper Tomasz Kuszczak.

The Seagulls have also secured the services of former England left-back Wayne Bridge and Southampton midfielder Dean Hammond both on season-long loan deals to help bring some experience to a young Albion side.

Record signing Craig Mackail-Smith has been in fine form scoring six goals in nine appearances this season, and he has forged a successful partnership with 22-year-old Ashley Barnes who has notched up three goals himself.

Last Time We Were There...

Brighton 2

Bolton 1

It's over 20 years since Wanderers last visited the south coast to play Albion. That day Wanderers suffered a 2-1 defeat at the Goldstone Ground but it proved a mere blip in a successful season as the Whites ultimately finished in second place in Division Two to secure automatic promotion to the second tier in the 1992/93 season.



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Parking: There is no parking at the stadium for away fans and there is a large no parking zone in force around the area of the stadium on matchdays. The club are encouraging fans to use the park and ride services located at three different locations; Mill Road (BN1 8ZF), Brighton Racecourse (BN2 9XZ) and Mithras House at Brighton University (BN2 4AT). Probably the easiest for away fans to locate is Mill Road, as it is just off the A23/A27 junction. However, this is by far the busiest of the three, so if you have time on your hands consider using one of the other alternatives.

By Train: There are regular trains from Bolton to Brighton, which all vary from three to four changes on the route. Many change at Manchester Piccadilly, London Euston and London Victoria before arriving at their final destination in around four-and-a-half hours. Fans should be aware that the last train leaves Brighton at 19:19; failure to catch this train will result in a lengthy wait at Leeds and Manchester Piccadilly.

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Where To Drink: There is not much in the immediate vicinity around the stadium. There is one pub called the Swan Inn located on Middle Street in Falmer but for most fixtures this is for home fans only. Outside Brighton Station there are a number of excellent pubs and the Evening Star, on Surrey Street, is away fan friendly and only a two-minute walk away from the station. Alcohol is also served inside the stadium.

TOP TEN:



MATCHES WITH LATE DRAMA

WORDS: MARK HEYS

It's fair to say that when Leicester City have visited the Reebok Stadium in recent times there has been no shortage of late drama, with the Foxes' last couple of trips to Bolton seeing either one side or the other grab a late goal.

In December 2001, Wanderers top goalscorer Michael Ricketts scored in injury time to give Bolton a share of the spoils in a 2-2 draw made memorable for referee Mike Dean issuing three red cards.

And exactly two years later, Les Ferdinand, a player to serve both clubs, headed City level six minutes into

added on time, ironically in a game which again saw both sides tally up two goals.

The last time Leicester came to the Reebok was in November 2005 for a League Cup tie and this time the game was only settled thanks to goals from Jared Borgetti and Ricardo Vaz Te in extra time.

In this issue we take a look at ten games from recent times whereby a late goal or late piece of drama has had a bearing on the game. We start with one of the most enthralling Wanderers games of all time - the 1995 play-off final victory against Reading.

1995 - Bolton 4 Reading 3



Record signing Fabian DeFreitas had been somewhat of a disappointment since moving from FC Volendam, but the Dutch striker certainly saved his most important performance for late in the season when coming on as a second-half substitute to turn the game against Reading on its head.

DeFreitas scored late in normal and extra-time to fire Wanderers into the top flight for the first time since 1980 and all this after Wanderers had originally been two goals down after just half an hour.

2011 - Birmingham City 2 Bolton 3

Bolton booked their first Wembley visit in 11 years when Chung-Yong Lee headed home virtually the last touch of the game at St Andrews in what was an end-to-end game from start to finish.



It was a nerve-wracking occasion for the travelling hoards of Wanderers supporters who had made their way down to the Midlands and, despite Johan Elmander firing Bolton in front, Wanderers had to keep coming back to combat the Blues resilience on a number of occasions.

2010 - Bolton 2 Blackburn Rovers 1



Sam Allardyce's last visit back to Bolton coincided with his final game as Blackburn manager in an excellent Lancashire derby.

Fabrice Muamba had given Wanderers the lead but Mame Diouf looked to have snatched Rovers a point with an 87th minute equaliser, only for fans' favourite Stuart Holden to volley home a long punt upfield by Jussi Jaaskelainen with a minute left on the clock.

2006 - Blackburn Rovers 0 Bolton 1

Another derby against Rovers, this time made memorable not by a late goal, but by two penalty saves by Jussi Jaaskelainen.



Ivan Campo had headed the Trotters in front with a powerful effort just after the hour but fouls in the penalty area by Quinton Fortune and Nicky Hunt on Jason Roberts with time running down meant that Bolton could have so easily surrendered their slender advantage - but long serving Finn Jaaskelainen was on hand to save the day on both occasions.

2003 - Liverpool 2 Bolton 3



Bolton's first win at Anfield since their FA Cup triumph under Bruce Rioch occurred in December 2003. Both sides had made changes for the League Cup tie and one such alteration by Wanderers bore fruit in the opening minutes as Mario Jardel headed Bolton in front at the Kop End.

Liverpool looked to have taken the tie into extra-time after cancelling out Jay-Jay Okocha's free-kick, but Salif Diao's trip on Kevin Davies earned Wanderers a penalty which Youri Djorkaeff dispatched coolly.

2001 - Bolton 3 Preston 0

Another play-off final that needed late goals to be sure of victory was Bolton's first visit to the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff to take on local rivals Preston North End.

Gareth Farrelly scored his third goal against North End in as many appearances to give Bolton a first-half lead but it wasn't until Michael Ricketts and Ricardo Gardner broke away on the counter-attack to score on 89 minutes and 90 minutes that the party atmosphere could really begin.



2005 - Vitoria Guimaeres 1 Bolton 1

During Bolton's maiden UEFA Cup campaign in the 2005/06 season, it looked as if Sevilla and Zenit St Petersburg would pose a stronger threat than Portuguese side Guimaeres, but when future Southampton player Marek Saganowski scored a diving header with five minutes of play left it looked like Wanderers would have to settle for just reaching the group stage.



Bolton substitute Ricardo Vaz Te had other ideas as with 90 seconds of the game to play, with his first touch, the young striker lashed the ball into the top corner to keep the club's European dream going.

2012 - Bolton 3 Bristol City 2

Jimmy Phillips' first game as caretaker manager saw Bolton fall behind to two Steven Davies goals against Bristol City here at the Reebok a few weeks ago, but a free-kick from Chris Eagles and Jay Spearing's first goal in Wanderers colours tied the game level.



With eight minutes to play, Martin Petrov picked a good time to find his first goal of the season, combining well with Eagles and Chung-Yong Lee in what was a spirited second-half display in front of Wanderers' interim coaching team.

1999 - Bolton 3 Nottingham Forest 2

Another caretaker boss to taste last-minute success was Phil Brown when Neil Cox bundled the ball home in Wanderers' first game since the departure of manager Colin Todd in September 1999.



Dougie Freedman had cancelled out Ricardo Gardner's opener and legendary striker Ian Wright had made things worse with a penalty after the break, but Dean Holdsworth levelled matters from the spot before right-back Cox scored what proved to be his last goal at the Reebok before signing for Watford.

2007 - Bolton 2 Bayern Munich 2

A patched-up Bolton team had been odds on to come away from Germany with nothing but no-one read the script as Wanderers battled valiantly to produce a famous result against a European heavyweight.

Ricardo Gardner scored his first goal in five years to give Gary Megson's side a shock lead but Bayern struck twice through current Arsenal man Lukas Podolski. With eight minutes to go, current skipper Kevin Davies latched onto a ball from Kevin Nolan to fire under the veteran goalkeeper Oliver Kahn.



MARK PATTERSON

WORDS: ASHLEY LAMBELL

FORMER MIDFIELD TERRIER MARK PATTERSON REVEALS TO THE MATCHDAY PROGRAMME HOW HIS NEW CAREER IS CHANGING THE LANDSCAPE OF HIS LIFE

Blackburn, Preston, Blackpool and Bury, Mark Patterson's footballing career more or less signified a tour of the North-West.

The midfielder played for virtually every club in Lancashire, including Bolton Wanderers where he made over 170 outings in the famous white shirt.

And in a career spanning 20 years, the 47-year-old cites his days at Burnden Park as being his most enjoyable, thanks largely to the influence of one certain individual.



"My time at Bolton was probably the most educational time of my career because I spent so much time with Bruce Rioch who was a great football teacher," he said.

"I had been playing at Bury but they got into financial difficulties. When Bolton put a bid in for me they had to accept it and I had no hesitations about moving to Burnden Park. Phil Neal really sold me the club before I joined and I saw that it had so much potential.

"It took me a little while to settle in, especially because I had a double-hernia early on and it set me back quite a bit. Then Bruce took over at the club and he sat us all down and said that he would educate us all and make us better players, which he did.

"We all bought into it as a squad and he (Rioch) was so educational both on-and-off the pitch regarding training, diets, etc. We had all thought we could just turn up for training every day and that was it but Bruce completely changed it and we started eating better, became fitter and physically stronger."

The Rioch factor was one of the main reasons for Patterson's prolonged stay at the club and he admits that some of the tactics that his former manager introduced at Bolton have helped him through his coaching career.

He explained: "All the things that Bruce taught me helped me further down the line when I started coaching at football clubs. I was an enthusiastic and whole-hearted player but Bruce then made me physically and mentally stronger. The three years I spent with him were so enlightening.

"I spent so long at Bolton because we had a great manager, a great coach in Colin Todd and above all else, we were successful so I wanted to stay. As long as I was part of that setup and Bruce kept bringing success then I was willing to stay at the club."

Patterson has plenty of fond memories of his time at Bolton but one particular cup upset stands out in his mind as he led the Wanderers side out into one of England's special footballing atmospheres.

"One of my proudest moments in a Bolton shirt was when I led the team out at Anfield in the FA Cup and we won 2-0 thanks to John McGinlay and Andy Walker," he recalled.

"It was an amazing experience to take the team down the steps and lead them out and because I had never played in the Premier League, it was even more special.

"The thing about the Liverpool supporters is that they appreciate good football and I remember that night that most of them stayed behind to give us a standing ovation as we left the field. It was just a fantastic time for the football club.

"I was really good friends with David Lee and we used to drive in from Preston together and, to be fair, we still speak quite regularly now. We had some great characters at the club back then, people like Phil Brown who was a superb captain and someone you always knew would go on to be a top-class manager or coach. ►





"The supporters were great during my time at the club because I was passionate and dedicated, and I think they saw that. Obviously the likes of McGinlay and Walker took the headlines but that was great for me because I could just get on the pitch and get my job done, which was all I wanted.

"I always loved what I was doing and the supporters always got right behind me because they knew my strengths and weaknesses. They supported us all as best they could."

Darwen-born Patterson recalls a painful memory just before he exited the club and, despite laughing as he tells the story, wonders if his Bolton story may have had a different ending if it were not for that match.

He recalled: "We played Norwich City at home in the League Cup and the game went to penalties. Sasa Curcic had the chance to score the winning penalty but he missed it and then I had to score mine to keep us in it.

"I put the penalty to the keeper's right but he made a great save to keep it out. Two days later I was sold to Sheffield United! Hopefully it has got nothing to do with that missed penalty, but it was probably on the cards anyway I would have thought."

The move worked out well for Patterson who went on to skipper Sheffield United before heading back to Lancashire to make appearances for both Bury and Blackpool and then moving on to manage non-league side Scarborough.

He said: "It was a good move for me though and I went on to play 70-odd games for Sheffield United. I captained them as well, so it was a good transfer for all parties really. I just never believe Colin Todd when he says it has got nothing to do with that penalty!"

"I played for most of the Lancashire clubs but only because they were the clubs that bid for me at certain times during my career. I even pulled the shirt on for Burnley because I was due to sign for them but then that fell through. I think I am still the only post-war player to wear all five Lancashire shirts!"

Patterson recently enjoyed a spell as a coach at League Two side Accrington Stanley but after a managerial change, found himself cast into the wilderness and is now hoping that a similar opportunity will materialise at another club in the not too distant future.

He added: "Since I finished playing full-time football in 2000, I did a bit of managing and then spent two-and-a-half years as first-team coach at Accrington Stanley with John Coleman. Obviously, John moved on to Rochdale and I became redundant so since then I have not got back into coaching.



"Personally, I would love to get back into coaching but it would have to be at senior level because I have coached kids in the past and realised it is not for me. You never know, something may come up at Rochdale but with money being a problem at the moment, I am just waiting for an opportunity."

Patterson's days are not filled with rounds of golf though as he has his hands full with his landscaping business and is enjoying the career he began whilst he was still playing full-time football.

"I have always had my landscaping business and I have been doing that since 1994," he explained. "Since I stopped playing football I kept the business going in case I needed it to fall back on and I have been really busy with that recently. I do a lot of work around Lancashire."

Wanderers recently appointed Dougie Freeman as their new manager and Patterson believes that the Scot's blend of youth and experience will stand him in good stead for a successful period at the Reebok Stadium.

He concluded: "I think it is a great appointment because he is a young manager and he will have a ferocious appetite to do well, and he has already proven that he can do well with younger players at Crystal Palace. He is massively respected in the game and because he is Scottish, he is bound to succeed as a manager because they all do!"

"He will have set out in his mind what he wants and I am sure he will do well because he will be a breath of fresh air to Bolton. I would like to see them move into in mid-table and then try and push on from there in the New Year, but Dougie's first job is to get the club back on an even keel and bring some stability."



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LEWIS BARNES and his two friends enjoyed the away-day win at Sheffield Wednesday back in September.



PAUL SMITH is pictured here with local boxing favourite Amir Khan in Bulgaria.



Here's **RACHEL SHORE** who says she has been 'chilling with Afobe'.



MACAULEY STEPHENS is pictured here with who he describes as Bolton's 'danger man' Chris Eagles.

Delighted **RYAN** and **CIARAN MORRIS** celebrate Martin Petrov's winner against Bristol City last month.



1999/2000 SEASON

THREE SEMI-FINALS – SO CLOSE YET SO FAR

WORDS: MARTIN DEAN



Sam Allardyce became Bolton Wanderers' new manager on his 45th birthday, on 19 October 1999. During his playing days, 'Big Sam' was remembered by Bolton fans as a man that would have run through a brick wall in the cause of winning a football match for the Wanderers.

At the time, it seemed that money was in short supply so new chairman Phil Gartside made the move for Sam who had worked on a shoestring budget, first in Ireland and then with Blackpool and Notts County respectively. Phil Brown had overseen the team on a caretaker capacity after the resignation of Colin Todd.

The club had taken just six points from seven games under Todd and crowds had dipped to under 12,000. The sale of Per Frandsen to Blackburn Rovers for £1.75million was not a popular one but it was a decision that kept the bank from knocking at the club's door.

Brown did a great job at the time and there was speculation about him getting the manager's chair, as great wins over Nottingham Forest and Huddersfield Town at the Reebok were followed by a thrashing of Swindon Town and then Premier League side Derby County in the League Cup at Pride Park.

Allardyce was presented to the crowd when Crewe Alexandra were the visitors but the 'Big Sam' era got off to a stuttering start when Alex gained a point in a 2-2 draw. He inherited a good squad with players of international class in Mark Fish, Ricardo Gardner and Gudni Bergsson, along with the Scandinavian quartet of Jussi Jaaskelainen, Claus Jensen, Michael Johansen and Eidur Gudjohnsen.

A solid unbeaten November brought three wins on the bounce, followed by away draws at Fulham and Portsmouth. In stark contrast, December was a dark month as it yielded just one point against West Bromwich Albion in the last game of the century at the fantastic new Reebok Stadium.

After Eidur Gudjohnsen and Michael 'Smurf' Johansen goals saw off another top-flight outfit in Wimbledon, a Worthington Cup semi-final versus bitter rivals Tranmere Rovers was on the cards.

The first leg at the Reebok ended in a 1-0 defeat after a poor performance. Despite the setback, Wanderers made the trip to the Wirral in good form after the fifth round of the FA Cup had also been reached.

Tranmere wanted the victory more, however, and it resulted in a 3-0 defeat. Dave Challinor with his famous long throw was the undoing of the Whites at Prenton Park. The display and result left Allardyce fuming and he issued a public apology to the supporters.



It's fair to say that there was no love lost between the two clubs and it didn't help by Tranmere's staff and players aiming a barrage of abuse at the dejected Wanderers dressing room door.

The response was instant on the following Saturday. Wanderers won 3-1 at Cambridge United to earn an FA Cup sixth round home tie against the division's league leaders, Charlton Athletic.

As the Cup tie approached, Bolton were becoming a hard team to beat under Allardyce. An excellent 3-1 victory over Blackburn and a Gudjohnsen winner at Port Vale was a nice platform to see the Wanderers climb the table.



Since the nightmare at Tranmere, just one defeat in seven games followed. That period of games also ensured the club reached the semi-finals of the FA Cup for the first time since 1958 when the ever-improving Gudjohnsen fired home against Charlton in front of 20,000 at the Reebok.

Aston Villa lay in wait for the semi-final at the old Wembley Stadium and around this time there was also talk of making the play-offs as Bolton reeled off four wins and two draws during the month of March.

2000 was going to be the last FA Cup final to be played at Wembley before it was being rebuilt, and for many travelling to the capital, they thought Bolton's name was on the trophy - we had become the first side to gain victory at Wembley in 1923 and hopefully the last in 2000. No such luck, however!



The players revelled in the role of the underdogs and gave John Gregory's Premier League high-flyers more than a match for their money. But it was to prove a game remembered for Dean Holdsworth's miss with nine minutes remaining, as Wanderers were punished for squandering such a golden chance.

After 120 minutes of football, it was all down to heart-stopping penalties - Holdsworth bravely stepped forward first for Bolton and scored but he was the only Wanderers to succeed from the spot and Aston Villa came out on top, 4-1.

The Whites were united in refusing to let any individual player carry the can for the defeat. They were evolving as a squad of players, working and playing for the same cause and to even reach the two semi-finals was a great achievement in its own right.

Just three days after the Cup defeat, Bolton went down 2-0 to promotion chasing Manchester City. The result at Maine Road meant the Whites could not afford any more slip ups if they were to catch Huddersfield Town for a play-off spot.

Big Sam had boosted his squad by loaning players from other Clubs. Paul Ritchie and Alan 'Magic' Johnson arrived from Hearts and Sunderland - incidentally both made their Scottish debuts whilst on loan at the Reebok.

With nothing to lose and momentum gathering speed, four victories and two draws saw Huddersfield caught on the final Sunday of the campaign by virtue of Wanderers beating Norwich 1-0 and the Terriers slipping-up at Craven Cottage against Fulham.

A repeat meeting of the previous season was set up as Ipswich Town, who had finished 11 points ahead of Bolton, were the play-off semi-final opponents. The first tie at a sunny Reebok saw goals from Holdsworth and Gudjohnsen put the Wanderers ahead, only for the Suffolk club to pull it back to make it 2-2.

What happened next three days later at Portman Road can only be described as robbery by a referee - if that's what a certain Barry Knight deemed himself to be - who ensured that there was no way Bolton were going to Wembley.

The second leg finished 5-3 to Ipswich after extra-time. Even the Tractor Boys' player-coach and, as honest as the day's long, Tony Mowbray said it was 'a bizarre game'.

A whole chapter could be written about the events of that game but the long and the short of it all was the Kent official turned a good contest into a farce. His decision to award Ipswich three penalties and show 12 yellow and two red cards to Bolton players, yet not one caution to the home side was truly beyond belief.

It was a sad and bitter end to an exciting season which promised so much, yet delivered nothing. As always with Bolton Wanderers, it made the club stronger and put the team in good stead for when promotion was achieved the next season.



KELLY BACK INVOLVED

Under-18s coach Tony Kelly has expressed his delight to be back with the academy side after spending the last two months away recovering from a heart problem.

The former Wanderers' midfielder suffered a health scare in August, but he made a return to Lostock this week and he is thrilled to be back with the lads.

"It is brilliant to be back with the academy side," Kelly said. "It has been a long two months, but the support I have had at the club and from people in football has kept me going.

"It is just unbelievable to be out on the pitch again being back with the lads - this is what I have been waiting for and it has been brilliant. It has been quite emotional getting 16 and 18-year-old lads coming up to you shaking your hand, saying it is good to see you.

"I have always said that Bolton Wanderers is a family club and they have been absolutely fantastic. Owen was superb with me, John McGinlay, the chairman and everyone has been brilliant, they just said to me get your health sorted first then come back to the club. Now, two operations and two months later, I am back."

Kelly has been impressed with the performances of the Under-18s, who currently sit top of the league and as of the weekend were undefeated so far this season - and he insists their success has helped give him a boost during this difficult period.

He said: "They have had a great start to the season. David Lee and Sammy Lee have kept me in the loop and have called me after every game. It gives me a lift when they win.

"When I get that phone call letting me know they are doing well it does give me a boost. I want to be back and be part of it but as I said it is going to take me at least another month to get my feet back on the pitch.

"They are not putting me under any pressure whatsoever which I love about this club. Everyone has put an arm around me and encouraged me. But I am back in now and once the doctor says I have hit the target then I will be back in the dugout."

Kelly is now committed to getting as many academy players through the setup, into the development squad and eventually into Dougie Freedman's senior side.

"The lads are doing very well," Kelly added. "It is about us passing them onto the development squad and hopefully the first team - it is like a conveyor belt.

"Fortunately myself, David Lee, Sammy Lee, Jimmy Phillips and Nicky Spooner have all played football for the club and we all know what it is like and we keep telling them that if they keep working hard as we have all done it at that level, then they will have a chance."



Academy youngster Luke Woodland recently played 30 minutes for England Under-18s in their 2-0 victory over Italy, and Kelly believes the midfielder deserves everything he is getting.

He continued: "I am made up for Luke, but he is a very levelheaded kid and I know he will keep his feet on the ground. He is not big headed and is a great kid to work with as he listens to us.

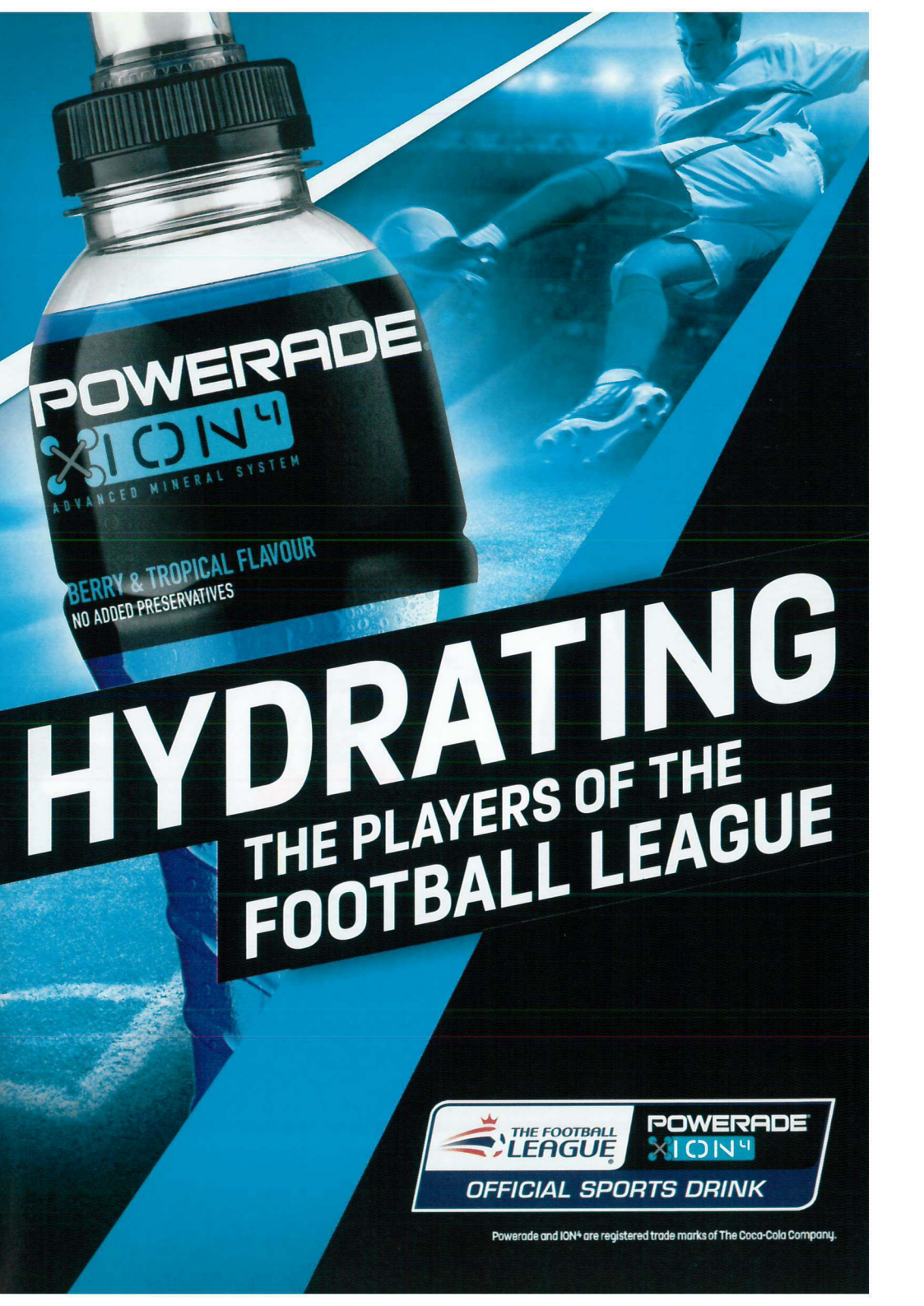
"He is still learning - he still got a lot to learn - but we won't let him get ahead of himself and if he does we will be the first to pull him down. But he is a good kid and he deserves all the success he is getting."



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Sat 18 Aug 2012	Arsenal	11am	H	W 5 - 1
Sat 25 Aug 2012	Norwich City	11am	A	D 2 - 2
Sat 01 Sep 2012	West Ham United	11am	H	W 3 - 1
Sat 15 Sep 2012	Blackburn Rovers	11am	H	W 3 - 0
Sat 22 Sep 2012	Reading	11am	A	W 2 - 3
Sat 29 Sep 2012	Everton	11am	H	W 4 - 2
Sat 06 Oct 2012	West Brom	11am	A	W 1 - 0
Sat 20 Oct 2012	West Ham United	11am	A	W 4 - 0
Sat 27 Oct 2012	Norwich City	11am	H	W 4 - 2
Sat 03 Nov 2012	Arsenal	11am	A	
Sat 10 Nov 2012	Reading	11am	H	
Sat 17 Nov 2012	Blackburn Rovers	11am	A	
Sat 24 Nov 2012	Everton	11am	A	
Sat 01 Dec 2012	West Brom	11am	H	

LEAGUE TABLE

CLUB	P	W	D	L	PTS
Bolton U18	9	8	1	0	25
Reading U18	9	6	2	1	20
Everton U18	9	3	2	4	11
Arsenal U18	8	3	2	3	11
West Ham U18	9	3	2	4	11
Blackburn U18	8	3	1	4	10
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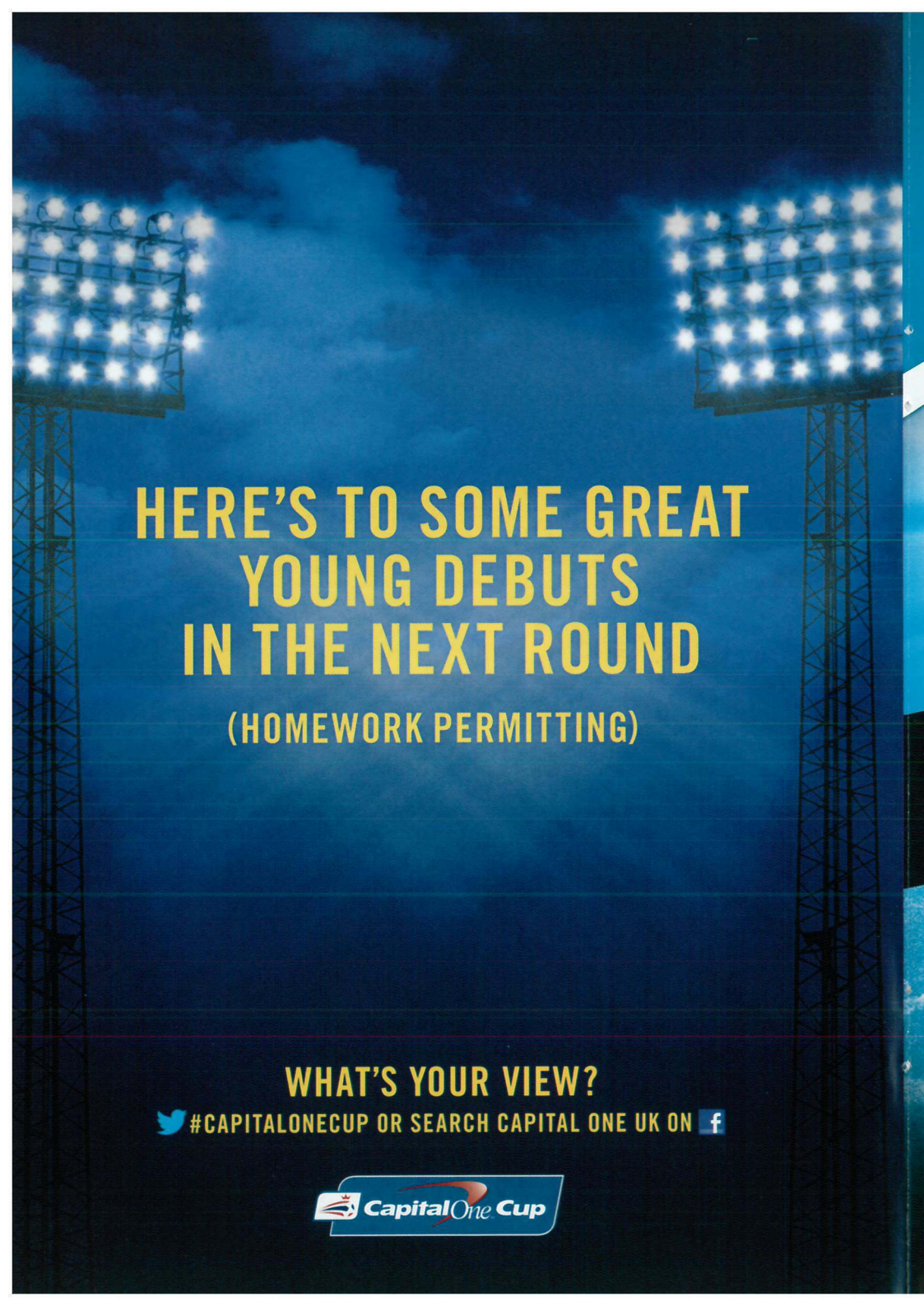
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Wanderers' Under-21 side suffered a narrow defeat in their league clash with Norwich City at Colney Training Ground last Monday afternoon.

John Henry's team took a second-half lead courtesy of Adam Blakeman's 49th minute penalty, but the home side hit back immediately through a Ramil Sherif header.

Shortly afterwards, Sheriff saw red for a foul on Chris Lester, but the Canaries claimed a late winner when Cameron King volleyed home from inside the area.

In an even opening period, it was City who went closest to making the breakthrough as striker Jamar Loza headed Jacob Murphy's corner narrowly wide from a good position in the third minute.

Wanderers hit back with an Oscar Threlkeld header in the 17th minute which seemed destined for the corner of the net, but Canaries defender Harry Barker did well to make a goal-line clearance as the scores remained level at the break.

Henry's side came out for the second half with a spring in their step and got their reward within four minutes as the referee awarded a penalty for a foul on Sanmi Odelusi by defender Adel Gafaiti.

Blakeman was the man who stepped up to the spot, and he made no mistake from 12 yards firing into the top right corner past a diving Jed Steer.

Just five minutes later, Gafaiti came within inches of making amends as his downwards header from a Michael Clunan ball was spectacularly scooped off the line by Rob Lainton.

The Canaries were beginning to control the play as they powered forward for an equaliser, and despite some resolute defending, they finally got their reward on 64 minutes as Sheriff rose highest to meet Clunan's free-kick to head home from inside the box.

However, just nine minutes later the City captain was given his marching orders for what the referee deemed to be a dangerous tackle on Lester.

But despite the disadvantage, Norwich grabbed a late winner when King's volley from Jacob Murphy's right-wing corner flew past Lainton.



Adam Blakeman

Norwich: Steer, McNeil, Barker, Gafaiti, Sheriff, Clunan, Hall-Johnson (Norman 81), King, Josh Murphy, Jacob Murphy, Loza (Unused substitutes: McGeehan, Matthews, Hodd, Morris)

Wanderers: Lainton, Hampson, Kellett, McQuade, Threlkeld, McKee, Lester, Kelly, Odelusi (Clough 80), Wolstenholme, Blakeman (Youngs 80) Unused substitutes: Woodland, Fielding, Maher

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Mon 20 Aug 2012	Arsenal	7pm	A	L 1-3
Mon 27 Aug 2012	Norwich City	2pm	H	L 0-1
Mon 03 Sep 2012	West Ham United (Upton Park)	7pm	A	W 2-0
Fri 14 Sep 2012	Blackburn Rovers (Ewood Park)	7pm	A	D 0-0
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Mon 08 Oct 2012	West Brom (Reebok Stadium)	7pm	H	L 0-1
Mon 15 Oct 2012	Reading	7pm	H	D 2-2
Mon 22 Oct 2012	West Ham United	7pm	H	L 0-1
Mon 29 Oct 2012	Norwich City (Norfolk FA)	2pm	A	L 1-2
Mon 05 Nov 2012	Arsenal	7pm	H	
Mon 12 Nov 2012	Reading (Reading Training Ground)	1pm	A	
Mon 19 Nov 2012	Blackburn Rovers	7pm	H	
Mon 26 Nov 2012	Everton	7pm	H	
Mon 03 Dec 2012	West Brom (West Brom Training Ground)	2pm	A	

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GLENN MATTHEWS

YOUNG FULL-BACK SPEAKS ABOUT HIS RECENT TASTE OF TRAINING WITH THE FIRST TEAM

WORDS: EMMA NORRIS

After recently experiencing a taste of what the future could hold, defender Glenn Matthews has revealed that is now more determined than ever to gain a professional contract with the club.

One of a number of scholars who have spent time training with the first team squad during the past month, the 17-year-old admitted that the opportunity to do so has ultimately only added fuel to his desire to make it to the top.

"It was a really good experience - I was a bit nervous beforehand but the lads made me feel welcome and helped me out when I needed it," he said.

"Sammy Lee and Jimmy Phillips were brilliant and gave me the chance to prove that I was good enough to play with them so I didn't feel out of place at all - hopefully I'll be there every day soon."

Having already enjoyed a spell with Chelsea as a youngster, the left-back joined the Wanderers as a nine-year-old after his family moved back to the North-West from the capital.

Despite interest from the likes of Liverpool and Bury on the return to his hometown, he decided to sign for Bolton, but the defender openly admitted that it wasn't exactly plain sailing.

He said: "When I came here they originally gave me a six-week trial to impress, but the club kept extending it so I didn't think I was going to get in. Eventually said that they wanted to sign me which I was over the moon about."

Matthews' ability was clear to see, so much so that he was handed a three-year academy contract at the age of 13 before gaining his scholarship - a moment that he remembers fondly.

He explained: "Getting my scholarship last year was amazing - it was the thing that I'd worked towards



from being a little kid and when you get that you know that you're getting closer to making it as a professional footballer.

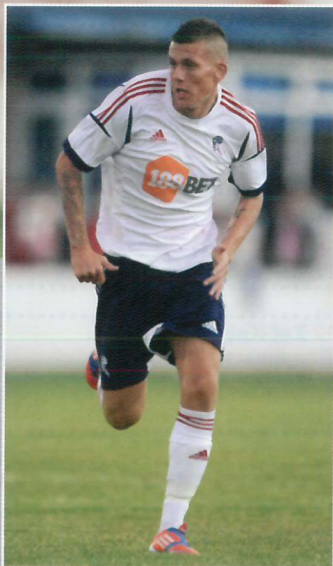
"They told me when I was 15 that I was good enough to get it, but I'd had a bit of trouble with school so they said if I improved my grades then I would definitely be given one.

"I didn't need a bigger incentive, so I just knuckled down, worked hard and it paid off."

Now a regular fixture within the Under-18s team, Matthews has revealed that he is determined to pay back the club and its academy for the belief they have shown in him over the years.

"I wouldn't be where I am today without Bolton," he confessed. "They've done so much for me, but especially when I was starting out they were so helpful - my parents couldn't drive so the club would always help in getting me to games and dropping me off at home.

"Right now, my aim is to just work my way up and hopefully one day I'll be playing in the Premier League and for my country - it's been great seeing Luke Woodland getting his call-up to the England Under-18s recently so I'd love to eventually do the same."



FACTFILE

Name: Glenn William Matthews

Date of Birth: 9/11/1994

Place of Birth: Bolton

Position: Left-back

Former Clubs: Chelsea

Childhood Hero: Ryan Giggs

Favourite Current Player: Ashley Cole

Hobbies: Golf



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JAMES SCOWCROFT

WORDS:
ROSS HEPPENSTALL

THE FORMER LEICESTER CITY STRIKER SPEAKS ABOUT LIFE AFTER FOOTBALL AND TURNING HIS HAND TO SPORTS JOURNALISM

James Scowcroft scored almost 100 goals in 500 games as a professional footballer in England, 24 of which came in 127 starts for today's opponents Leicester City.

Scowcroft was a Foxes player in 2003 when the club climbed back into the Barclays Premier League at the first attempt by finishing runners-up behind Portsmouth.

Beginning his career at Ipswich Town in his native East Anglia, the former striker went on to play for Leicester, Coventry City, Crystal Palace, Leyton Orient and Bury Town.

He now works for the Ipswich academy on a part-time basis but is also forging a successful media career in radio and the print media.

He has conducted a series of interviews for The Independent with former players such as Darren Eadie and regularly contributes to a wide range of other publications.

Scowcroft said: "I coach in the Ipswich Town academy on a part-time basis now and also do a lot for BBC radio as well as writing for different magazines and newspapers.

"A really good friend of mine, Andy Mitten, is a football journalist and the editor of the Manchester United fanzine called United We Stand.

"He asked me to write a column for his magazine and it just went from there. There are a lot of ex-footballers on Sky doing television work but there are very few doing the written side of things.

"Obviously it's a lot harder because nobody really has that insight into what happens at a football club. People write about it at times without really knowing.

"Wherever you go, people ask about ex-players but nobody really covers it in terms of what footballers do in their life after playing and what they end up doing as a new career. And I think supporters like to know that kind of stuff.

"We all have our favourite players, favourite teams, and players who we watch for 10 years before they vanish. It's nice to seek them out and see what they're doing.

"As well as bits and pieces for the Independent, I have written a column for the East Anglian Daily Times. It all snowballed really and came together.

"The problem I've had with coaching is that I've had to cut the column back a little bit. It's hard, especially when the team's not doing well - you have to be open and honest with what you write but not forget work for the club as well. I had to scale it back but I continue to do more stuff. Some of it hasn't got my name to it but the Independent is the main thing I do.

"Would I want to cover matches for a newspaper? I don't know about the match reporting side of things, everything is changing in journalism and going more online than print-based."

Scowcroft believes that Leicester manager Nigel Pearson can guide the club to top-flight promotion next spring. The Foxes, backed by ambitious owners, fell short in their bid to return to the promised land last season.

This term, though, they have shaped us as serious contenders and been among the leading sides in the opening months of the campaign.

Scowcroft said: "I think the Championship is the most difficult league in the world to predict. People say the teams in the top half of the table have a chance of promotion but I'd go a lot bigger than that. I'd say there are 16 or 17 teams that are looking to push into the top six.

"And it's quite an even, level playing field. You look at the Premier League and probably know which two or three teams are going to win it. And that's it. But in the Championship anybody is capable of doing anything. It's probably the most competitive league in the world." ►





Pearson returned to Leicester almost 12 months ago for his second spell at the club. He resigned as Leicester boss in June 2010 to take over at Hull and guided the Tigers to 11th place in the Championship in his first season at the helm.

Before that, he had two successful seasons in charge of the Foxes, winning the League One title in 2009 and taking the club to the Championship play-offs the following season. Pearson has also previously managed Carlisle and Southampton, as well as having caretaker spells in charge of West Bromwich Albion, Newcastle United and England Under-21s.

Scowcroft added: "With the fanbase they've got, the stadium and the infrastructure, it's interesting times at Leicester now. The new owners have put a lot of money into the club and so far it hasn't happened.

"But they've got the right manager in Nigel Pearson and he just seems to be getting things together. He knows the club well, he knows English football well and I think he knows the Championship well. I think he's the ideal manager for Leicester really."

Cardiff City and Leicester have set the pace at the top of the Championship in recent weeks and the likes of Wolves, Blackburn and Huddersfield Town have also enjoyed promising sequences of results. Leeds United have been hovering around the top six since the start of the season and Middlesbrough have similarly looked capable of lasting the distance.

Who does Scowcroft feel can go all the way and win promotion? Not surprisingly, Leicester are among his favourites to go up.

Scowcroft said: "I would say for automatic promotion I'd say Leicester have got a chance along with Cardiff and perhaps one of the teams who got relegated from the Premier League last season. Maybe Wolves will be in there and then outside of the top six you usually get a team who comes from nowhere, like a Crystal Palace, to surprise a few people and make the play-offs."

Scowcroft understandably looks back at his time at Leicester with great pride. Recalling Leicester's last top-flight promotion, Scowcroft said: "We were just happy to get up because we were always playing catch-up with (champions) Portsmouth. It was four seasons I had there and it was a very good club, although my time there was a bit of a rollercoaster ride.

"We had two relegations, a promotion and administration. But it's certainly a very good club. I'd put it at the top. I look back now at the club and it has spent a lot of years in the Premier League as well.

"I was at Leicester during the first season of playing at the Walkers Stadium which was a highlight. It's a great stadium to play football in and we got promotion. I wouldn't really pick out one particular thing but it's a good club. When I was there, the first two seasons of

the Walkers Stadium were virtually sold out every week. It's a club with a big support and a passionate support."

While Scowcroft admits Leicester remains close to his heart, he is also a big admirer of the Trotters. The former frontman reckons Wanderers can push hard for promotion in the coming months following the arrival of Dougie Freedman.

"I played against Bolton numerous times," he said. "I played at Burnden Park and also played at the Reebok a few times. Bolton is a great football club. They're a club who have come down from the Premier League and look well placed to get back up there."







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INTRODUCING... LEICESTER CITY



Founded: 1884

Nickname: The Foxes

Stadium: King Power Stadium (Capacity – 32,500)

Manager: Nigel Pearson

Record Signing: Matt Mills (£5million from Reading in 2011)

HONOURS

Championship (Old Second Division):

Champions: 1925, 1937, 1954, 1957, 1971, 1980

League One:

Champions: 2009

Charity Shield:

Winners: 1972

League Cup

Winners: 1964, 1997, 2000

OPPOSITION SUMMARY

The Foxes have enjoyed an encouraging start to the 2012/13 season under Nigel Pearson having won eight of their opening 13 league matches. Back-to-back defeats away at Charlton Athletic and Birmingham City, along with a League Cup defeat to Burton Albion, were the only low points of an impressive opening few months for the Foxes.

A lot has been said about the club's spending power after they were taken over by Thai-based consortium Asia Football Investments in 2010 but the club appears to have a well-balanced squad that is capable of fighting for the Championship title and gaining promotion to the Premier League.

Spy In The Camp

Rob Tanner, a football correspondent for the Leicester Mercury, is delighted with the way the Foxes have started the 2012/13 season and feels that they have a good chance of playing Premier League football next season.



He said: "A few concerns were expressed in some quarters when they lost their first three away games but they have been fairly dominant at home and are playing a vibrant, attacking style which is exciting to watch.

"France Under-21 winger Anthony Knockaert has been a revelation since he joined the club. He is a tricky and intelligent player who can run at defenders and pick out team-mates, and captain Wes Morgan has been in colossal form. But overall the key has been the collective group. They are gelling well as a formidable unit.

"In this division anything is possible. The club has been gearing up for promotion ever since the Thai owners took over and while initially they threw money at it in a bid to make it happen immediately, there has been a more intelligent sensible approach this season. They look in good shape.

"I saw Bolton against Birmingham City earlier in the season and while they looked okay going forward I thought defensively it was too easy to get in behind them. They paid the price for that at St Andrew's but they have some great, Premier League players and should be doing better.

"Leicester are on a real roll, but Bolton will be buoyed by the arrival of their new manager so it will be a really close game, so I will plump for a 1-1 draw."

THE MANAGER

NIGEL PEARSON

Born: Nottingham, England

Date of Birth: 21/08/1963

Nottingham-born Nigel Pearson is now in his second spell of managing the Foxes and he will be hoping that his side can return to the Premier League for the first time since 2002.

Pearson, who was a defender in his playing days, had long spells with Shrewsbury Town, Sheffield Wednesday and

Middlesbrough before turning his hand to management with Carlisle United in 1998.

Pearson was caretaker manager at Newcastle United, West Bromwich Albion and briefly for the England Under-21s before taking charge of Southampton in 2008. Pearson spent only three months at Southampton before moving on to the Foxes but left for Hull City in 2010 due to his difficult relationship with former owner Milan Mandaric.

He returned to Leicester in 2011 and guided the club to a ninth place finish in the Championship last season.

STAR MAN

DAVID NUGENT

Born:

Liverpool, England

Date of Birth:

02/05/1985

Position:

Striker

Signed From:

Portsmouth (2011)



Huyton-born striker David Nugent joined Leicester City as a free agent before the 2011/12 campaign from financially troubled Portsmouth.

Nugent had very successful spells with Bury, Preston North End and Burnley as well as Portsmouth and he impressed in his debut season for Leicester after scoring 16 goals in 47 appearances for the Foxes.

The striker has enjoyed a fine run of form after scoring five goals in five matches earlier this season, including a hat-trick against Nigel Pearson's former club Hull City in September.

Back in 2007, Nugent earned his one and only senior international cap when he played for Steve McLaren's England side against Andorra. He marked the occasion with a goal, tapping-in from virtually on the goal-line.

THE ONE TO WATCH

BEN MARSHALL

Born:

Salford, England

Date of Birth:

29/09/1991

Position:

Midfielder

Signed From:

Stoke City (2012)



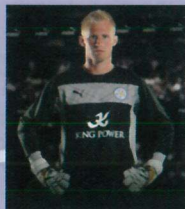
21-year-old midfielder Ben Marshall was signed by Nigel Pearson from Stoke City on deadline day of the January transfer window this year.

Marshall spent his early career on loan with lower league clubs including Northampton Town, Cheltenham Town, Carlisle United and Sheffield Wednesday before joining the Foxes earlier this year.

The former Manchester United schoolboy scored three goals in the opening months of the season including a late equaliser against Birmingham City in October, and he also leads the club's goal assists with three.

Marshall is also tipped for a bright future in international football and he made his debut for England Under-21s in September against Azerbaijan.

PLAYER PROFILES



KASPER SCHMEICHEL

Nationality: Danish

Date of Birth: 05/11/1986

Position: Goalkeeper

Son of Manchester United legend Peter, Kasper Schmeichel signed for the

Foxes from Leeds United in 2011 and enjoyed an impressive debut season at the King Power Stadium. His form saw him take the Player of the Year and the Players' Player of the Year awards last season as well as earning a call up to Denmark's squad for the 2012 European Championships.



RITCHIE DE LAET

Nationality: Belgian

Date of Birth: 28/11/1988

Position: Defender

Versatile defender Ritchie De Laet joined Leicester in the 2012 summer transfer

window from Manchester United. The Belgian international has spent the majority of his career on loan from United with spells at Sheffield United, Preston North End, Portsmouth and Norwich City before making a permanent switch to Leicester where he has been a permanent feature in the Foxes' back-four this season.



PAUL KONCHESKY

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 15/05/1981

Position: Defender

Former Charlton Athletic, Fulham, Tottenham, West Ham United and Nottingham

Forest defender Paul Konchesky joined the Foxes from Liverpool in 2011. The 31-year-old defender made 46 appearances in his first season with Leicester scoring two goals. Konchesky struck from 30 yards in the 2-1 defeat to Wolves earlier this season, taking his tally to three goals for Leicester.



DANIEL DRINKWATER

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 05/03/1990

Position: Midfielder

Playmaker Danny Drinkwater signed from Manchester United in the

recent transfer window after an impressive loan spell with Barnsley last season. The United academy graduate has also played for Huddersfield, Watford and Cardiff City. The 22-year-old has been a virtual ever-present so far this season in Nigel Pearson's midfield.



WES MORGAN

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 21/01/1984

Position: Defender

Central defender Wes Morgan joined the Foxes from East Midlands rivals

Nottingham Forest in the January transfer window. Club captain Morgan made over 400 appearances for Forest and was named in the PFA Championship Team of the Year for the 2011/12 season. The 28-year-old has scored one goal this season in the Foxes' 2-0 victory over Peterborough in their campaign opener in August.



JAMIE VARDY

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 11/01/1987

Position: Striker

Signed from League Two side Fleetwood Town, Jamie

Vardy's phenomenal record of 34 goals in 40 appearances

secured promotion for the Cod Army last season and prompted Pearson to his signature. Vardy's goalscoring form has continued in the Championship with Leicester as he has scored goals against Torquay, Blackburn, Burnley and Middlesbrough to become the club's second highest scorer so far this season.



ANDY KING

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 29/10/1988

Position: Striker

Born in Barnstaple, Andy King qualifies to play for the Welsh national side through his Welsh

grandfather. King made his debut in 2007 against Wolves and he has been one of Leicester's most consistent performers ever since. King is on the verge of completing 200 appearances for the Foxes and has so far scored 42 times, including four this season.



LLOYD DYER

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 13/09/1982

Position: Midfielder

Lloyd Dyer is now in his fifth season with Leicester after joining the Foxes from the MK

Dons in 2008. The midfielder started his career with West Bromwich Albion where he scored twice in 25 appearances before having loan spells with Kidderminster Harriers, Coventry City, Queens Park Rangers and Millwall prior to joining the Dons in 2006. He has scored two goals so far this season.



MATTY JAMES

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 22/07/1991

Position: Midfielder

Box-to-box midfielder Matty James joined the Foxes in the summer from Manchester United,

but it was his time at Preston North End where he caught the eye of several managers. James made 30 appearances for North End, and he scored his first Leicester goal in their 4-0 win at Torquay in the first round of the League Cup. James has been recognised at England junior levels from Under-16s through to Under-20s.



LIAM MOORE

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 31/01/1993

Position: Defender

Leicester City academy graduate Liam Moore signed his first professional contract in the

summer of 2011. Moore enjoyed a loan spell with Bradford City during the 2011/12 campaign where he made 22 appearances before returning to the King Power Stadium where he played in two games for the Foxes in the latter part of the campaign. This season he has been a regular in the Blues' back-four, making nine league appearances.



ANTHONY KNOCKAERT

Nationality: French

Date of Birth: 20/11/1991

Position: Midfielder

20-year-old midfielder Anthony Knockaert joined Leicester City in the summer transfer window

from French side Guingamp. Knockaert scored his first goal for the club in the League Cup defeat to Burton Albion in August before hitting the headlines with a spectacular double against Huddersfield, where he netted a 30-yard screamer and a back-heeled volley.



SEAN ST LEDGER

Nationality: Irish

Date of Birth: 28/12/1984

Position: Defender

Irish international Sean St Ledger joined the Foxes in the 2011 transfer window from League One

side Preston North End. The 27-year-old had previously enjoyed spells at Peterborough United and Middlesbrough. The defender played every minute of the Republic of Ireland's Euro 2012 campaign and scored their only goal which came in the 3-1 defeat to Croatia.

TEN-YEAR HISTORY

2002/03

Micky Adams guided the Foxes to a second place finish and gained promotion back to the Premier League at the first attempt.

League Position: 2nd (Championship)



2003/04

A run of only one win in the first 10 league matches set the tone for Leicester who were relegated back to England's second tier with a total of only 33 points.

League Position: 18th (Premier League)

2004/05

Micky Adams was replaced by current Scotland manager Craig Levein who led the Foxes to a 15th place finish in the Championship and an FA Cup quarter-final.

League Position: 15th (Championship)



2005/06

After a poor start, Levein was sacked after the Christmas break and replaced by Rob Kelly who preserved the club's Championship status.

League Position: 16th (Championship)

2006/07

Leicester struggled yet again and manager Rob Kelly paid the ultimate price as he was sacked in April and replaced by Nigel Worthington.

League Position: 19th (Championship)

2007/08

A disastrous campaign with managerial changes aplenty for the Foxes as they were relegated to League One after securing only 52 points from their 46 league games.

League Position: 22nd (Championship)

2008/09

New manager Nigel Pearson got Leicester back into the Championship at the first attempt as Champions with a huge total of 96 points.

League Position: 1st (League One)

2009/10

Leicester were the surprise package in the Championship as Pearson led the club to a fifth place finish but the Foxes were beaten in the play-off semi-final by Cardiff City on penalties.

League Position: 5th (Championship)

2010/11

Vichai Raksriaksorn took over from Milan Mandaric in February with Leicester under the management of Paulo Sousa and then Sven Goran Eriksson.

League Position: 10th (Championship)



2011/12

Nigel Pearson returned to manage the club after a short spell at Hull City and led the club to a 9th place finish in the league as well as an FA Cup quarter final.

League Position: 9th (Championship)

CLUB LEGENDS



GRAHAM CROSS

(1960-1976)

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 15/11/1943

Position: Defender

After being born in the city, holding the all-time record number of appearances for Leicester City Football Club and having represented Leicestershire County Cricket Club, it is safe to say that Graham Cross was not only loved by the Foxes fans but by the city as a whole. The centre-half scored 37 goals in 599 appearances for the Foxes and spent a total of 16 seasons with the club. Cross was a part of the side that won the League Cup in 1964 and the Second Division title in the 1970/71 campaign.



GARY LINEKER

(1978-1985)

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 30/11/1960

Position: Striker

Leicester-born Gary Lineker had a phenomenal goalscoring record throughout his career but it all started with his hometown club where he scored 95 goals in 194 appearances. Lineker was just as prolific at his future clubs Everton, Tottenham, Barcelona and Japanese side Nagoya Grampus Eight but the Foxes will always have a place in Lineker's heart. His international scoring record was equally astonishing as his tally of 48 goals left him only one behind Sir Bobby Charlton at the top of England's all-time list of scorers.



ARTHUR ROWLEY

(1950-1958)

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 21/04/1926

Passed Away: 19/12/2002 (Aged 76)

Position: Forward

As a man who finished his career with a total of 434 goals in 619 Football League games, Arthur Rowley will be remembered not only as a great with the Leicester faithful but with the entire football community. Nicknamed 'The Gunner' due to his rocket-like left foot, Rowley's goals propelled the Foxes to the Second Division title in 1954 and again in 1957. He holds the club record for the most number of goals scored by a single player in a season after scoring 44 goals in the 1956/57 campaign.



THE LAST LEAGUE MEETING

Date: 30/11/2005

Result: Bolton Wanderers 2-1 Leicester City

Venue: Reebok Stadium

It took 30 minutes of extra-time to settle this fourth round Carling Cup tie as the game ended 0-0 through 90 minutes, but goals from Jared Borgetti and Ricardo Vaz Te gave the Trotters the win

Scottish midfielder Gareth Williams replied for the Foxes with 10 minutes of extra-time to go but the home side held on to advance to the quarter-finals where they were beaten by eventual finalists Wigan Athletic.



MIKE WHITLOW

WORDS: WILL HUCKER

In this issue of the matchday programme, the limelight is on Mike Whitlow who enjoyed a lengthy time playing for both Leicester City and Bolton Wanderers.

The 44-year-old was a no-nonsense defender during his playing days, capable of playing at both left-back and centre-half.

Now retired and making strides in the world of coaching, Whitlow looks back on his fondest memories with both the Foxes and Trotters.



Recollections With Leicester City....

After starting out in his professional career with Leeds United, Whitlow signed for Leeds United as a 20-year-old in 1988. After four seasons at Elland Road, he moved to Filbert Street with Leicester City and he represented the Foxes during a significant era in the club's history.

He said: "I left Leeds to join Leicester in March 1992. It meant swapping the top flight for the second tier, but Leicester had ambitions to get promoted and a couple of months after I joined we were in the play-off final against Blackburn, although unfortunately we got beat on that day.

"The year after that we got to the play-off final again, and again we ended up losing, this time to Swindon. So the following year when we made it to Wembley once more, we knew we had to go up, especially as it was against Derby, another side from the Midlands.

"The first one that we lost was against Blackburn, who had Kenny Dalglish in charge. They were always expected to get promoted and we were definitely the underdogs. The year after against Swindon we had high hopes but got beaten again, conceding a penalty right near the end. So that one was a massive disappointment.

"When we came to play Derby, to be fair to them they had some really good players - Paul Kitson, Tommy Johnson and Paul Simpson to name a few. But we went to Wembley and we were a big, strong, solid unit - we had a fair few six-foot meatheads in our side! I'd hold my hands up and accept that technically they were probably better than us but the sheer guts and determination that we showed, we beat them.

"You go to Wembley, you lose, you go back the next year and you lose again. So by that point, the club were ready to go up to the Premier League and have a right go. The one thing you definitely remember about Wembley is the atmosphere, because it's so amazing it's scary! The first time you play there, you try and enjoy the occasion. But once you've been there before it's not about enjoying it, it's about winning.



"For us it was a case of keep persevering, keep believing, keep the group of lads together, keep working hard and somewhere along the line you'll get a reward. Every season in that division there are always 24 clubs who will dream of getting promoted and with the play-off system it really is possible for a lot of teams.

"For me, the Premier League is the best league in the world and everyone wants to be a part of it. I'll never forget scoring at Old Trafford from a yard with my right foot. It was right in front of the Stretford End and even though it was only because the keeper dropped it, I couldn't care less! To play at Old Trafford and to score was just like, 'wow'.

"That season we ended up going down, so after finally getting to where we wanted to be it was a shame to get relegated after just the one year, but we'd got that taste and we wanted some more.

"The following season, again we got to the play-off final and thankfully, again, we got the job done thanks to Steve Claridge's shin - the best shinned goal I've ever seen! There was no coming back for Crystal Palace either because it was right at the end of extra-time.

"Martin O'Neill was in charge by that point and we'd been quite successful, getting to the League Cup final against Middlesbrough as well, which we won, again thanks to a goal from Steve Claridge.

"But with that success, the club were able to attract more players and Martin knew that he had to keep adapting. Unfortunately for me it was time to move on because Leicester were playing with wing-backs. He was fantastic with me to be fair and I've got the utmost respect for the guy."



Recollections With Bolton Wanderers...



Whitlow signed for Bolton in September of 1997 for a fee of £500,000. He was to spend six years at the Reebok, playing 163 matches.

He said: "Martin O'Neill didn't want me to leave but Bolton were offering me the chance of playing regular football because unfortunately Robbie Elliott had snapped his leg and Colin Todd wanted me to come in and play, so I signed. And I couldn't have asked for a better debut than against Manchester United at the Reebok!

"The one thing with the Premier League, which is not necessarily the case in the Championship, is that if you make one mistake, you get beaten. The quality of players that you're playing against is frightening, but that's where you want to be playing and testing yourself.

"During the time that I was at Bolton, I witnessed the club progress an unforeseeable amount. By the time we beat Preston in the 2001 play-off final at the Millennium Stadium, I think the club was ready to go and establish itself and play in the top flight for several seasons.

"I was on the bench at the time because Colin Hendry and Gudni Bergsson started the match. It was just a great

occasion to get us back up in the Premier League. And Ricardo Gardner's goal! That's the thing I really remember from that day.

"The quality of the players joining at that time was unbelievable. For me it was just a dream to play alongside the likes of Ivan Campo, Mark Fish, Eidur Gudjohnsen, Youri Djorkaeff, Jay-Jay Okocha, Jussi Jaaskelainen, you could go on forever there were that many!



"With Youri in particular, his arrival really astounded me. Even in training, he was immaculate; I've never seen anything like it. He took such good care of the ball and his whole attitude towards everything was just exceptional.

"I was a typical English defender. I knew I had to work hard and run around and tackle people. But he came in and his technical ability was brilliant. He'd won a World Cup not long before and he came in and set such a great example on-and-off the field. It was such a boost to the dressing room having someone like Youri in and around the place and it obviously made us a better team too, having someone of his quality."



The Present Day...

Now retired, Whitlow now oversees the youth setup at League Two club Burton Albion.

"I'm now working at Burton Albion as youth academy manager. That means that I oversee the Under-9s right the way through to the Under-16s, as well as working with the 16-18 year-old scholars. The club is progressing and things are going well so far this season.

"As a youth set up, this is only our third year and the gaffer Gary Rowett is giving a fair few of the youngsters the chance to get involved with the first team, and that's been fantastic.

"It's our job to get these lads to a stage where they are ready if called upon by the reserves or the first team."



2012/2013

DATE	KO	V	OPPONENTS	ATTEN	F	A	STARTING XI						
AUGUST 2012													
SAT 18	15:00	A	BURNLEY	18,407	0	2	BOGDAN	MEARS	KNIGHT	REAM	RICKETTS	C.Y. LEE	
TUE 21	20:00	H	DERBY COUNTY	17,050	2	0	BOGDAN	MEARS	KNIGHT	MILLS	RICKETTS	C.Y. LEE	
FRI 24	19:45	H	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	17,361	2	2	BOGDAN	MEARS	KNIGHT	MILLS	RICKETTS	C.Y. LEE	
TUE 28	19:45	A	CRAWLEY TOWN CAP CUP R2	2,678	1	2	LONERGAN	ALONSO	KNIGHT	REAM	RILEY	PETROV	
SEPTEMBER 2012													
SAT 1	15:00	A	HULL CITY	15,304	1	3	BOGDAN	MEARS	KNIGHT	REAM	RICKETTS	C.Y. LEE	
SAT 15	15:00	H	WATFORD	16,608	2	1	BOGDAN	MEARS	KNIGHT	MILLS	ALONSO	SPEARING	
TUE 18	19:45	A	BIRMINGHAM CITY	14,693	1	2	BOGDAN	MEARS	KNIGHT	MILLS	ALONSO	C.Y. LEE	
SAT 22	15:00	A	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	26,598	2	1	BOGDAN	MEARS	KNIGHT	MILLS	ALONSO	ANDREWS	
SAT 29	15:00	H	CRYSTAL PALACE	16,727	0	1	BOGDAN	MEARS	KNIGHT	MILLS	WARNOCK	ANDREWS	
OCTOBER 2012													
TUE 2	20:00	H	LEEDS UNITED	21,255	2	2	BOGDAN	MEARS	KNIGHT	MILLS	WARNOCK	ANDREWS	
SAT 6	15:00	A	MILLWALL	10,116	1	2	BOGDAN	MEARS	KNIGHT	MILLS	WARNOCK	ANDREWS	
SAT 20	15:00	H	BRISTOL CITY	17,259	3	2	BOGDAN	MEARS	REAM	MILLS	WARNOCK	PETROV	
TUE 23	19:45	A	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	20,915	2	2	BOGDAN	MEARS	REAM	MILLS	WARNOCK	PETROV	
SAT 27	15:00	A	MIDDLESBROUGH	16,200	1	2	BOGDAN	MEARS	RICKETTS	REAM	WARNOCK	PETROV	
NOVEMBER 2012													
SAT 3	17:20	H	CARDIFF CITY	17,304	2	1	BOGDAN	RICKETTS	KNIGHT	MILLS	WARNOCK	PRATLEY	
TUE 6	20:00	H	LEICESTER CITY										
SAT 10	15:00	A	BLACKPOOL										
SAT 17	15:00	H	BARNLEY										
SAT 24	15:00	A	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION										
WED 28	19:45	A	BLACKBURN ROVERS										
DECEMBER 2012													
SAT 1	15:00	H	IPSWICH TOWN										
SAT 8	15:00	A	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN										
SAT 15	15:00	H	CHARLTON ATHLETIC										
SAT 22	15:00	A	PETERBOROUGH UNITED										
WED 26	15:00	H	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY										
SAT 29	15:00	H	BIRMINGHAM CITY										
JANUARY 2013													
TUE 1	15:00	A	LEEDS UNITED										
SAT 5			FA CUP ROUND THREE										
SAT 12	15:00	H	MILLWALL										
SAT 19	15:00	A	CRYSTAL PALACE										
SAT 26	15:00	H	PETERBOROUGH UNITED										
SAT 26			FA CUP ROUND FOUR										
FEBRUARY 2013													
SAT 2	15:00	A	WATFORD										
SAT 9	15:00	H	BURNLEY										
SAT 16	15:00	A	NOTTINGHAM FOREST										
SAT 16			FA CUP ROUND FIVE										
TUE 19	19:45	A	DERBY COUNTY										
SAT 23	15:00	H	HULL CITY										
MARCH 2013													
SAT 2	15:00	A	BARNLEY										
TUE 5	20:00	H	BLACKBURN ROVERS										
SAT 9	15:00	H	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION										
SAT 9			FA CUP ROUND SIX										
SAT 16	15:00	A	IPSWICH TOWN										
SAT 30	15:00	A	CHARLTON ATHLETIC										
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TUE 2	20:00	H	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN										
SAT 6	15:00	H	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS										
SAT 13	15:00	A	BRISTOL CITY										
SAT 13			FA CUP ROUND SEMI-FINAL										
TUE 16	19:45	A	LEICESTER CITY										
SAT 20	15:00	H	MIDDLESBROUGH										
SAT 27	15:00	A	CARDIFF CITY										
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SAT 4	15:00	H	BLACKPOOL										
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THE GROUNDS



GOODISON PARK

The Wanderers' players enjoyed contrasting fortunes on the club's last visit to Everton's 40,000 capacity stadium in January. The Whites would come away with all three points thanks to second-half strikes from David Ngog and Gary Cahill, but the match will be remembered for Tim Howard's freak goal from within his own half as the ball bounced 30 yards from Bolton's net and, with the help of the wind, flew over the helpless Adam Bogdan.

GIGG LANE

Colin Todd was still in charge the last time the Wanderers competitively visited Bury's 11,000 capacity stadium for a Division One fixture over 13 years ago. The day would end in a disappointing defeat, as the Trotters narrowly missed out on promotion to the Premier League that season. You have to go back almost 80 years to Bolton's last league victory at Gigg Lane, when Charles Foweraker's side won a thriller 3-2.



GRIFFIN PARK

The Trotters enjoyed some success in their last outing to Griffin Park when Colin Todd's side secured their place in the League Cup third round with a 3-2 victory over Brentford. The Wanderers made regular visits to the London club throughout the 1980s experiencing mixed fortunes during their Division Three (League One) clashes.

G IS ALSO FOR...

GAFFER

Dougie Freedman recently became Bolton Wanderers manager, following in the footsteps of Charles Foweraker, Nat Lofthouse, Ian Greaves, Bruce Rioch and Bill Ridding – all managers who have been at the helm of the football club over its long history.



GOLDEN GOAL

Former Wanderer Youri Djorkaeff was involved in perhaps the most famous ever game to be decided by a golden goal. Back in 2000, the European Championships were won by France when David Trezeguet struck in the final in extra-time to ensure France beat Italy 2-1 to win the tournament. Djorkaeff was replaced by the match-winner Trezeguet after 75 minutes of that game.



THE PLAYERS

RICARDO GARDNER

The Jamaican international is a cult hero amongst Bolton fans for the 14 years he spent at the Reebok Stadium - making him the second longest serving foreign player in Premier League history, only beaten by his former team-mate Jussi Jaaskelainen. In total he would wear the Bolton white 417 times, finding the net 25 times, which included famous strikes in the 2001 Division One play-off final and against German giants Bayern Munich in Wanderers' 2-2 draw in the UEFA Cup.



ARNAR GUNNLAUGSSON

Many Bolton fans will point towards Arnar Gunnlaugsson's time with Bolton and say that that it ended too soon. The Icelfander - famed for his bald head and goatee beard just as much as his array of skills - spent just over a year-and-a-half with Wanderers before moving to Leicester City in February 1999 for £2million. He had lit up the early part of the 1998/99 campaign with 13 goals for Colin Todd's side, but his career nosedived from that point onwards. He did not make the impact that was expected at Filbert Street and found himself spending time with Stoke and Dundee United before returning home to Iceland where he has played ever since.



STELIOS GIANNAKOPOULOS



The former Greek international, who joined from Olympiacos in May 2003, enjoyed five highly successful seasons at the Reebok. The attacking midfielder made 137 appearances, scoring 20 goals, his last strike being a crucial one as he scored in the 1-1 draw against Tottenham, which helped Bolton avoid relegation towards the end of the 2007/08 season. Now Stelios is the manager at Greek second division club Paniliakos - the team he played at for three years at the start of his career in the early 1990s.

GIANT-KILLERS



Bolton enjoyed a glorious period in the early 1990s whereby they were serial giant-killers in the FA Cup. The Whites eliminated Liverpool, Arsenal, Everton and Aston Villa in a series of matches that the Bolton Evening News famously billed as the 'White Hot' victories.

GROUP MATCH

During the UEFA Cup seasons of 2005/06 and 2007/08, Bolton locked horns with Guimares, Zenit St Petersburg, Sevilla, Besiktas, Braga, Bayern Munich, Aris Salonika and Red Star Belgrade in the group stages, progressing to the knock-out stages on both occasions.





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2	MIDDLESBROUGH	14	9	1	4	25	19	6	28
3	CRYSTAL PALACE	14	8	3	3	25	21	4	27
4	LEICESTER CITY	14	8	1	5	21	14	7	25
5	HULL CITY	14	8	1	5	21	18	3	25
6	BLACKBURN	14	6	5	3	19	16	3	23
7	HUDDERSFIELD	14	7	2	5	19	19	0	23
8	NOTTM FOREST	14	5	6	3	21	18	3	21
9	WOLVES	14	6	3	5	18	16	2	21
10	BRIGHTON	14	5	5	4	18	11	7	20
11	DERBY COUNTY	14	5	5	4	22	19	3	20
12	LEEDS UNITED	14	5	5	4	22	21	1	20
13	BURNLEY	14	6	2	6	28	29	-1	20
14	MILLWALL	14	5	4	5	27	25	2	19
15	WATFORD	14	6	1	7	19	22	-3	19
16	BLACKPOOL	14	5	3	6	23	22	1	18
17	BOLTON	14	5	3	6	21	23	-2	18
18	BIRMINGHAM	14	4	4	6	15	22	-7	16
19	SHEFFIELD WED	14	4	3	7	20	24	-4	15
20	BARNLEY	14	4	3	7	15	21	-6	15
21	CHARLTON	14	3	5	6	15	19	-4	14
22	PETERBOROUGH	14	4	0	10	17	22	-5	12
23	BRISTOL CITY	14	3	2	9	24	29	-5	11
24	IPSWICH TOWN	14	2	4	8	11	26	-15	10

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TUESDAY 6 NOVEMBER

BIRMINGHAM v BRISTOL CITY 7:45PM
 BRIGHTON v PETERBOROUGH 7:45PM
 BURNLEY v LEEDS UNITED 7:45PM
 CHARLTON v CARDIFF 7:45PM
 CRYSTAL PALACE v IPSWICH 8PM
 DERBY v BARNLEY 7:45PM
 HUDDERSFIELD v BLACKBURN 7:45PM
 HULL v WOLVES 7:45PM
 NOTTM FOREST v MIDDLESBROUGH 7:45PM
 SHEFF WED v BLACKPOOL 7:45PM
 WATFORD v MILLWALL 7:45PM

FRIDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2012

MIDDLESBROUGH v SHEFF WED 7:45PM

SATURDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2012

LEICESTER v NOTTM FOREST 12:45PM
 BARNLEY v HUDDERSFIELD 3PM
 BLACKBURN v BIRMINGHAM 3PM
 BLACKPOOL v BOLTON 3PM
 CARDIFF v HULL 3PM
 IPSWICH v BURNLEY 3PM
 LEEDS UNITED v WATFORD 3PM
 MILLWALL v DERBY 3PM
 PETERBOROUGH v CRYSTAL PALACE 3PM
 WOLVES v BRIGHTON 3PM

PLAYER STATISTICS

PLAYER	TOTAL APP	LEAGUE	CO CUP	FA CUP	GOALS	PLAYER	TOTAL APP	LEAGUE	CO CUP	FA CUP	GOALS
01 ADAM BOGDAN	14(0)	14	0	0	0	17 BENIK AFOBE	13(9)	12	1	0	2
02 TYRONE MEARS	13(0)	13	0	0	0	18 SAM RICKETTS	7(1)	7	0	0	0
03 MARCOS ALONSO	4(0)	3	1	0	1	19 MARVIN SORDELL	7(4)	6	1	0	1
04 MATT MILLS	11(0)	11	0	0	1	20 JAY SPEARING	10(0)	10	0	0	1
05 TIM REAM	7(1)	6	1	0	0	21 DARREN PRATLEY	8(7)	6	1	0	0
07 CHRIS EAGLES	15(1)	14	1	0	6	22 STUART HOLDEN	0(0)	0	0	0	0
08 KEITH ANDREWS	13(2)	12	1	0	0	23 JOE RILEY	1(0)	0	1	0	0
09 DAVID NGOG	8(3)	8	0	0	1	24 ANDY LONERGAN	1(0)	0	1	0	0
10 MARTIN PETROV	9(4)	8	1	0	2	25 JOSH VELA	1(0)	0	1	0	0
11 GREGG WYLDE	0(0)	0	0	0	0	26 ROB LAINTON	0(0)	0	0	0	0
12 ZAT KNIGHT	12(0)	11	1	0	0	27 CHUNG-YONG LEE	10(3)	10	0	0	1
14 KEVIN DAVIES	15(1)	14	1	0	4	30 MICHAEL O'HALLORAN	0(0)	0	0	0	0
15 STEPHEN WARNOCK	7(0)	7	0	0	0	31 DAVID WHEATER	0(0)	0	0	0	0
16 MARK DAVIES	15(0)	14	1	0	2	34 JAY LYNCH	0(0)	0	0	0	0

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JACK DEARDEN

THE BBC RADIO MANCHESTER COMMENTATOR CONTINUES
HIS COLUMN IN THE MATCHDAY PROGRAMME



I was pleased with what I saw from Bolton at the weekend, particularly in the second half. It was a great result against a good Cardiff team.

The important thing was to arrest the recent run of form because the team had only taken one point from the previous two matches, so it was certainly a step in the right direction.



I thought the manager was pretty brave and bold before the match with his team selection. He made four changes to the side and then another

three throughout the second half. I know it's still early days, but I have been impressed with his approach because he isn't afraid to make big decisions.

After the game too, he remained very level-headed and didn't get carried away with the result when I interviewed him following the full-time whistle. He was very reluctant to take praise for the win, but the simple fact is that he has got off to the perfect start.

The players deserve plenty of credit too. I know the first 45 minutes wasn't the most exciting of halves but you can't forget that they are just beginning to get used to a new set of ideas. This is the third Bolton manager that they have played under in a month following Owen Coyle and Jimmy Phillips. Every boss will have their own way in which they want the team to play and it takes time to adapt.

David Ngog certainly had an eventful evening. I'm right in thinking that his chain of events consisted of coming on as a substitute, having a goal disallowed, earning a penalty, being shown a yellow card, scoring the winner and then getting sent-off. All that within the space of less than 30 minutes!

I know he will obviously be disappointed with the red card and the enforced suspension tonight, but he will get a boost from scoring that goal.

When a striker isn't scoring, people obviously talk about it and that puts a bit of pressure on that person's shoulders. In my opinion, there hasn't really been much wrong with David's all-round play, but he just hasn't got the goal return he would have wanted. When strikers are judged it's more often than not all about their scoring record, not what else they bring to the team. So let's just hope that's the first of many for the Frenchman this season.



I just get the feeling that this could be a really big week for Bolton Wanderers. If the team can manage to get another similar result tonight and then go to Blackpool and win at the weekend, all of a sudden things are looking very promising.

Whilst I'm on the subject of Blackpool, I'm amazed at what has happened with the managerial merry-go-round in Lancashire over the last month. What odds would you have got for Bolton, Burnley, Blackburn and Blackpool all changing their managers or looking for new ones within such a short space of time? I bet that has never happened before.

I'm looking forward to visiting Bloomfield Road on Saturday, although the ground has certainly changed in shape and form since the first time I watched a game there. You can't look at this fixture and not recall the Matthews Final of 1953 when the two clubs met at Wembley. It's just a classic footballing fixture.

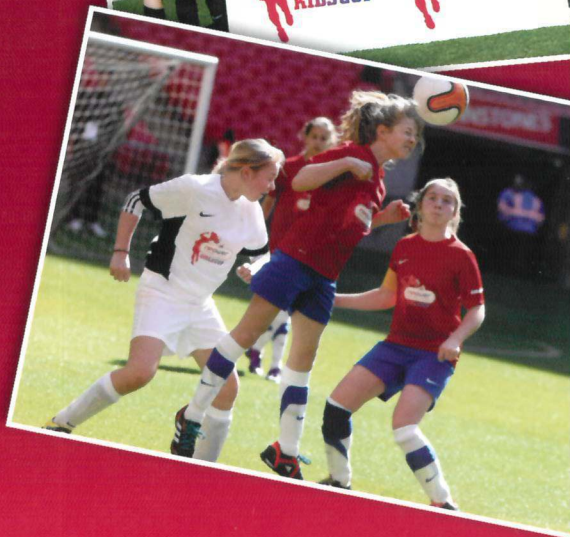
Thanks for reading,
Jack.

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BOLTON WANDERERS

Manager: DOUGIE FREEDMAN



LEICESTER CITY

Manager: NIGEL PEARSON

THE TEAMS

OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

1 ADAM BOGDAN

2 TYRONE MEARS

3 MARCOS ALONSO

4 MATT MILLS

5 TIM REAM

7 CHRIS EAGLES

8 KEITH ANDREWS

9 DAVID NGOG

10 MARTIN PETROV

11 GREGG WYLDE

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22 STUART HOLDEN

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24 ANDY LONERGAN

25 JOSH VELA

26 ROB LAINTON

27 CHUNG-YONG LEE

30 MICHAEL O'HALLORAN

31 DAVID WHEATER

34 JAY LYNCH

1 KASPER SCHMEICHEL

2 RITCHIE DE LAET

3 PAUL KONCHESKY

4 DANIEL DRINKWATER

5 WES MORGAN

6 ZAK WHITBREAD

7 BEN MARSHALL

8 NEIL DANNS

9 JAMIE VARDY

10 ANDY KING

11 LLOYD DYER

12 SEAN ST LEDGER

13 CONRAD LOGAN

14 MARTYN WAGHORN

16 MATTY JAMES

18 JEFF SCHLUPP

22 LIAM MOORE

24 ANTHONY KNOCKAERT

29 MARKO FUTACS

35 DAVID NUGENT

MATCHDAY OFFICIALS

REFEREE

MARTIN ATKINSON

ASSISTANT REFEREES

DARREN ENGLAND

GARY BESWICK

FOURTH OFFICIAL

JEREMY SIMPSON

NEXT FIVE GAMES...

SAT 10 NOV - BLACKPOOL V BOLTON WANDERERS (3PM)

SAT 17 NOV - BOLTON WANDERERS V BARNLEY (3PM)

SAT 24 NOV - BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION V BOLTON WANDERERS (3PM)

WED 28 NOV - BLACKBURN ROVERS V BOLTON WANDERERS (19.45PM)

SAT 1 DEC - BOLTON WANDERERS V IPSWICH TOWN (3PM)

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